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The Business Side of the Convention.

It is extremely difficult to view objectively what has occupied so large a part of one's time and interest as to seem almost part of one's self. Therefore, I hesitate to discuss from any standpoint the convention of 1899. The convention and I lived in such intimate relations for several months—we summered together—that I am no more able to give an unprejudiced opinion concerning it than I am to deliver an unbiased judgment upon my room-mate or a member of my family. However, perhaps it is a view from within that you wish for—a glimpse of the wheels going around. But I would not let you see the convention *just* as I saw it, for you remember the "seamy side" is always turned in, and it is better that you should not see that. There were some very raw edges on our seams this time, due for the most part to the fact that what had been merely members were forced to do the work of the head and members too. Unfortunately, willingness is not exactly the same thing as skill, as results usually show.

Perhaps the amount of business to be transacted in connection with a Grand Convention impressed me more during the weeks before the session than at the time. Then, too, as our worthy Grand Secretary took it into her head to spend her summer abroad, I had a chance to learn what it meant to conduct the several businesses of Grand President, Grand Secretary and District President all in one. Yet, in spite of this fact, it seemed to me that there was less matter of importance coming before the convention this time than usually

falls to a Grand Convention. There were one or two questions of prime importance to be settled, but, on the whole, the business was not epoch-making in its nature. This is a natural consequence from the fact that before this time Kappa Alpha Theta has been bending her energies to perfecting her organization and strengthening her pillars, and the time has come when radical changes are not necessary.

The work of the convention, then, was, for the most part, *interpretative*, rather than *reformative*. It was, however, none the less practical. Indeed, the discussions seemed unusually helpful. There was one thing very noticeable in the meetings, and that was the freedom and frankness with which the delegates expressed themselves. There was no constraint, after the slight reserve of the first morning session wore away.

It is inevitable that many of the same questions should come up again and again at successive conventions, for our problems are perennial; their ghosts cannot be laid, but will appear at every feast to remind us of our shortcomings. But nothing, I notice, is discussed with more fervor and live earnestness at convention than these very same old-new questions. Shall we "rush" madly, or shall we act like rational human beings, though we *do* belong to a fraternity and should like to share our blessings with an elect few? Just what is the strength of the bond uniting us and how nearly are we approaching our ideal? What shall be our relations with those outside our boundaries? How shall we preserve in the *personnel* of our chapters the right proportion between qualities of head and qualities of heart? What is the best way to conduct the business of the chapter? How shall the chapters of our fraternity, scattered as they are across a continent, be brought into close relations? How may we preserve the spirit as well as the form of our organization? These questions pressed upon us at the last convention as they do at every convention and as they will continue to do at succeeding conventions. It is not, as has been said, that any solution is arrived at, but only that the turning over of the questions always succeeds in arousing *l'esprit*

de corps and the spirit is sent thrilling back to the different chapters with the return of the delegates—the spirit which prompts a chapter or an individual to uphold the honor of the fraternity at any cost and let perplexing questions settle themselves in relation to that and to that only.

The reports from districts and from chapters showed general prosperity; where there was weakness it was confessed that it might be remedied. It was noticeable that for the four preceding years our growth had manifested itself chiefly in the formation of alumnae chapters; few active chapters had been added to our rolls. Since the last convention charters had been refused to five groups of applicants. Thus, our growth has been intensive, rather than extensive, and we are glad to have it so.

The discussion of our publications took up less time than usual, entire satisfaction being expressed with the way they had been conducted by those who had them in charge. They were all left in the same hands they had been in.

Financially, we found ourselves very happily situated. Owing to the central situation of Indianapolis and the generosity of our Indiana chapters the convention was less expensive than usual, and our retiring Grand Treasurer left a considerable surplus for her successor.

Looking back upon the convention of 1899, it seems to me that it accomplished much, in spite of the disadvantages we labored under—in spite of the aspirations of the thermometer, in spite even of the absence of our Grand President and our Grand Secretary. Even these drawbacks could not keep away enthusiastic visiting delegates, among whom were two charter members, Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton and Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw. And the interest did not disappear until the last moment, for at our banquet table Friday evening were seated over one hundred Thetas.

That the convention was successful was due chiefly to the spirit of helpfulness which manifested itself among the delegates. All realized the difficult position of those at the helm and every delegate was ready to put her shoulder to the wheel whenever it was necessary. More than that, the

delegates were not merely *willing*, but *competent*. Let me say, as a last word, that this spirit and character in the delegates have given me, more than anything else in my fraternity experience, faith in the permanence and value of our organization. May they be present in increasing degree at succeeding conventions to make the meetings a joy and an inspiration!

MYRA MCPHERSON POST.

The Thirteenth Biennial Convention.

This organization called a Fraternity is a strange thing in some phases, when one pauses to really think about it, and nothing serves to emphasize its peculiar and distinctive features as does the fraternity convention. Girls from the north, south, east and west, girls of widely differing ideas and temperaments, education and surroundings, hard students and fun loving social leaders,—“all sorts and conditions” flock together at these Biennial meetings, and yet that little fraternity pin with all its significance unites them all into a harmonious comradeship, and those three days are filled with a store of happy memories and associations which belong purely to a fraternity convention. To a delegate who is attending her first convention, the inspiration and enthusiasm, the broadening ideas she gains can never be effaced.

The Convention of '99 held in that fair city of the West, Indianapolis, was of course, just a little better than any preceding one, but while that is the proper thing to say under any circumstances, those who had attended former conventions, seemed very sincere in their pleasure at the thorough success of '99's assembly and the work accomplished. Indianapolis did all she could to give us a warm welcome not excluding the weather, but drooping collars did not necessitate drooping spirits, and more than we anticipated was really accomplished in spite of the hot weather.

As the regular sessions opened on Wednesday the 30th of August, nearly all of the delegates arrived at the Hotel

English on Tuesday afternoon. It was a very happy feature for all of the delegates and the Grand Council to be entertained under the same roof and many helpful ideas and funny experiences were exchanged around the little tables in the dining room. No one thought of waiting for an introduction, for the little gold and black kite was hostess in itself and it is truly surprising how soon fifty or more girls who are perfect strangers to each other can become friendly and informal—when they are each a part of one precious whole. I doubt if the Hotel English ever before played a part in such typically college feasts and pranks as were executed in the privacy of its pleasant rooms. These features of college life, so dear to the heart of every true spirited girl, were slipped in between the other more general entertainments, for our Indiana hostesses left nothing undone for our pleasure. With three active chapters and two alumnae in the State of Indiana, it was easy for a large number of visiting delegates to be with us and the alumnae chapter in Indianapolis itself made a very efficient entertainment committee. A trolley ride in private cars made one evening delightfully cool and equally sociable, a reception was held in the hotel parlors another evening, and the grand finale, the night before we left, was the fraternity banquet. Over one hundred Kappa Alpha Theta's were seated in the large dining room. The flowers, palms, lights, and above all the merry, friendly band of Thetas made it a scene of unusual charm and loveliness. Was there ever anything just like a fraternity banquet? The next morning we would all scatter, many never to meet again, we who had spent three such happy helpful days together, and there was a touch of sadness about this last gathering which only deepened our appreciation. It was a unique banquet, too, for we had with us two of the founders of our fraternity, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Shaw. What a debt we owe to those women, who made possible for us this fraternity life which means so inexpressibly much!

While these social pleasures served the very important purpose of making us really acquainted with each other, they were but a small part of the convention and its signifi-

cance. It would be rather edifying to those of the masculine sex who scoff at a woman's business ability if they could have attended those sessions of fraternity business. The delegates of the active chapters gained an increased knowledge of the real scope and power of the fraternity organization and of the firm, comprehensive government needed for such an organization ; while they, on their hand, realizing that they alone represented the separate chapters, put an added thoughtfulness and force into the expression of their ideas.

The reports of the individual chapters were of especial interest to us, as each one had some new idea or suggestion. Each chapter has an atmosphere of its own which makes it especially dear to its members, while just this feature of the convention prevents a narrowness and exclusion which would otherwise probably creep into the chapter life. Will anyone deny that we, as fraternity women, are helping to broaden and deepen our present civilization.

The vivid descriptions given of chapter houses, their delights and perplexities, made those of us who are minus that blessing rather wistful ; yet there are compensations, for chapter houses must entail a certain amount of care and responsibility. Many were the suggestions for helping to fill the houses with comfort and cosiness—emergency funds, sofa cushion bees, picture collections, chapter house birthdays, and so on indefinitely.

The question of rushing was discussed and mourned over, and while rushing was acknowledged to be a necessary evil at present, the objections to it seem to be growing so strong that we may dare to hope for its disappearance at some far distant but much wished for date.

The absence of our Grand President and the many attending difficulties, seemed to act as a stimulus to each delegate to aid and encourage Miss Post as acting president of the convention, and all went well. It was a keen disappointment to us all that Mrs. Walter was unable to be with us, but Miss Post deserved a "three times three" cheer for the very able manner in which she filled her hard position.

Perhaps this need for mutual assistance helped to bring us into a closer personal touch with each member of our Grand Council, and one of the happiest features of the convention was this learning to really know those who had hitherto been for us but names and officers.

The convention minutes will give a full and accurate account of the great amount of real business accomplished. But no minutes however full, and no article however long, can possible tell on cold, unresponsive paper of all that convention meant to every delegate. Many were the regrets that "all the girls at home" could not be there to enjoy it with us. Every hour brought with it a deeper appreciation of our favored lot in being college women and members of Kappa Alpha Theta, a fraternity of which these words might well have been written :—

" Let that fair word Fraternity sink deep
Into your hearts and lives—for round it sweep
At ever varying range, half of the light
And sunshine of this life. It brings no blight,
But bloom instead. It proves a healing balm
To minds diseased. It finds a haven calm
For storm-tossed souls, which else might have been lost.
It tells the truth, whatever be the cost.
Fraternity, thou child of college halls,
Although not circumscribed by any walls,
To thee we pledge the cup, and faith renew.
To joys you add in measure more than due,
And to the sorrows, bid us kiss the rod,
Seeing in them fraternity with God."

CAROLINE FARREN COMLY, *Alpha Beta.*

The Alumnae at the Convention.

Officially we were ten, numerically we were legion. Nothing was too good for us; everybody vied with his neighbor to make us feel at home and to give us a delight-

ful impression of the beautiful Convention City of the Middle West. We were pleasantly housed in a newly fitted up hotel just across from the Indiana State monument, the base of which is constantly bathed in thousands of barrels of water, rendering the vicinity cool and delightful.

The girls seemed to think that we belonged to them and took us into their hearts and plans with the heartiest welcome. We were never apparently counted "back-numbers." This was extremely soothing and agreeable to our self-love.

The Indianapolis convention was the writer's first convention, so if she grows enthusiastic and *soars*, kindly overlook the lack of repose.

It is proverbial that women cannot do business in a business-like way ; cannot meet disagreeable situations and solve knotty problems of administration without more or less ill nature, ill feeling, tears and heart-aches. However, our "13th" serves to prove the rule, if such *is* the case—for it was the exception. No set of women, I am sure, ever met with more cordial and sisterly feeling than the Thetas of the Thirteenth Biennial Convention. No company of women were ever more faithful and earnest in the performance of the duty of the day. No organized body of women ever more thoroughly lost the *individual* in the endeavor to attain the best for the body at large.

Personalities and individuals were not considered a part of the discussion—rather what is *right*, what will prove the greatest benefit to us as a fraternity. This feeling entered into every discussion, every suggestion.

'Twas like going back to school again to be taken into the secrets, aims, hopes and aspirations of the groups of girls chatting in the parlors and corridors of the hotel.

The opportunity of meeting and coming into closer touch with the members of the Grand Council was a privilege each one of us fully appreciated.

When Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Hamilton came among us we really felt that "it was good for us to be there". I know, if the two ladies took away with them even a faint im-

pression of the pleasure they afforded us by their presence, they will long remember the Convention of '99.

What more can be said in praise and appreciation of our hostesses?

Of course the culmination was the banquet served on Friday evening.

The pretty gowns and *girls* seated at a kite-shaped table —yellow and black prominent in the decoration of table and hall;—'twas a picture pleasing to every eye.

Our toastmistress proved herself a pleasing combination of wit, wisdom and tact in her trying position that evening, as she had already proven herself before the convention.

With marches and punches composed in our honor, with pansies molded for our delectation, what more could we ask than that equal success follow all the undertakings of the Indiana women?

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President's Letter.

Sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta:

In entering upon the duties of her new office, your president wishes first to express her appreciation of the honor conferred upon her and her deep sense of the responsibilities of her position. As we find among the animals below man that creatures are adapted in structure and endowment to the place in life which they occupy, so may it be that the demands of the office which your president occupies may induce in her the wisdom necessary to meet those demands. Her administration will call for no radical changes. The work done by her predecessors has been so wise and thorough that there is left to her only the preservation of the existing form; she has only to *use* the instruments that have been put into her hand.

But there is something more than the outward form to be preserved—there is the inward spirit in which, more than in the organization, lies the difference between one fraternity and another. And the true spirit is much more difficult to preserve than the form. Your Grand Council can keep the

organization intact, but they cannot infuse life-giving spirit into it. *That* must be the concern of every chapter and every individual member of the chapter. There is no higher ideal than that Kappa Alpha Theta sets before you, but for that very reason it is difficult of attainment. Yet it is the one thing that justifies the existence of the fraternity.

Your president trusts that the coming two years may be prosperous ones in the life of the fraternity. They can be so only if every member of the body does its work well, and if the whole is animated by a spirit of loyal devotion and directed by a spirit of wisdom.

MYRA MCPHERSON POST,
Grand President.

Lifting and Resignation,

A STATEMENT SENT TO THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL FRATERNITIES.

Inasmuch as the circumstances attending the initiation of Miss Helen Lathrop, formerly a member of Eta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, into Phi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, and the action of Gamma Phi Beta has been given publicity, Kappa Alpha Theta, in courtesy to the national women's fraternities and in justice to herself, wishes to make clear her stand in the matter.

Before doing so, she would call attention to a few facts in the case. Miss Lathrop was a member of Eta of Gamma Phi Beta but one semester. At the end of that time she left the university. After four years' absence she resumed her college course not, however, at the University of California, but at Leland Stanford, Jr. Here there was no chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. She became intimate with members of Phi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. This intimacy growing during her freshman year into warm friendship, in the second year of her residence at Leland Stanford, Jr., she was invited by Phi chapter to become a member. Miss Lathrop immediately sent in her resignation to her own chapter. The resignation not being accepted, Miss

Lathrop sent it to the mother chapter of Gamma Phi Beta with the expectation that it would be acted upon by the convention of Gamma Phi Beta, held in the early part of November. Receiving no response, Miss Lathrop, on November 20th, telegraphed Alpha chapter for a reply. The answer came: "Wait for letter." She felt that this meant but one thing—an unfavorable action upon her resignation—and without waiting for Gamma Phi Beta's letter, was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. Of Gamma Phi Beta's action following upon this step you have already been informed.

Since in the affair are involved two questions of interest to all national fraternities and of important bearing upon inter-fraternity relations, namely, "lifting" and resignation, it is but proper that Kappa Alpha Theta should explain her position as to these two questions.

The practice of "lifting" she regards with absolute and unqualified disapproval.

With regard to resignation she would say that, in accordance with her own feeling as to the rights, liberties and obligations of individuals, and with legal advice received upon this point, she recognizes resignation as valid from the moment the request for release is made, but recognizes also that fraternity courtesy demands that a reasonable length of time should be given the fraternity of whom the request is made for action upon the resignation.

Kappa Alpha Theta regrets exceedingly that one of her chapters should have violated the unwritten law of inter-fraternity courtesy in approaching a member of another fraternity and initiating her with unnecessary haste.

Furthermore, Kappa Alpha Theta requests that the substance of the statement herein contained be officially communicated to your local chapter at the University of California and at Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

Signed on behalf of Kappa Alpha Theta,

MYRA M. POST, Grand President,

ALICE E. WADSWORTH, Grand Secretary.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT.

Convention Report of the Alumnae Chapters.

In beginning let me ask the question put to us by our Grand President, Mrs. Walter. "Is the fraternity for life or for convenience?" Or varying from that a little is it for a lifetime or for four years? Our ideals are so high they are adequate to the demands of the broader life when college days are a matter of history. We should perpetuate them then by the organization of alumnae chapters.

It is natural that in a great city members of the same fraternity should be drawn together. This sometimes happens by accidental meetings; sometimes as the result of letters of introduction; or as the result of systematic effort on the part of an enthusiastic fraternity woman, an association is formed which finally becomes a chapter.

An alumnae chapter binds chapters together as chapters bind their members. We do not wish to be called "back-numbers" as soon as the doors of the university close behind us. We still stand for the same high ideals, yes—and more—for we too, are progressive.

Our Alumnae Constitution reads, "The object of the alumnae chapter meetings shall be social or literary, as determined by each alumnae chapter." Representing, as I do, the Chicago chapter, I stand for the social side. A college woman, especially a Theta; finds herself in constant demand for active literary work in the various woman's clubs. With the wonderful organization to which they have attained they give her more than enough hard literary work to occupy her every thought outside the demands of home or business life. However, we should always find time for settlement and hospital work.

The idea of corresponding members is an excellent one, giving such as are so unfortunate as to be exiled from the centers of Theta activity, a chance to keep in touch with fraternity life, in a way.

As the constitution provides for no particular line of work for alumnae chapters, any ideas on the subject might be termed new. But there are indeed many avenues of fraternity usefulness open to us. Nearest to our hearts, of course, are the active chapters. It is one of our privileges, or may I say rather, one of our obligations as alumnae chapters to become thoroughly acquainted with our nearest neighbors in active fraternity life: to give them such advice as they need—and will receive—for we should not interfere too much or become dictatorial, with our maturer ideas and experiences to help them out of occasional difficulties, and to let them know, as we often might of new girls about to enter their institution.

Alumnae chapters bring Thetas of various chapters together and keep them in touch with each other, the nearest active chapters, and the general fraternity. Then, too, they afford a means of relaxation; the possibility of renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones, and of perpetuating all the high and noble ideals for which Kappa Alpha Theta stands.

As to legislation I should say, the less we have in alumnae chapters, the better.

GRACE ISABEL DIETRICH.

Literary Program of Zeta Alumnae Chapter for
1899-1900.

SEPTEMBER.

Indiana Poets—James Whitcomb Riley, Maurice Thompson, Juliet Strauss, Alonzo Rice, Charles Major, Meredith Nicholson, Evaleen Stein, Benjamin S. Parker, Sue O. Harris.

OCTOBER.

Balzac—Eugenie Grandet, *The Wild Ass's Skin*.

NOVEMBER.

Short Story Writers—T. B. Aldrich, Brander Mathews, Mary E. Wilkins, Ruth McEnery Stuart, William Allen White.

DECEMBER.

Observance of Christmas in Different Countries—A Christmas Story.

JANUARY—1900.

Our State and Our Great Men—Education, Agriculture and Manufactures of Indiana.

FEBRUARY.

National Hymns—American Illustrators and Novelists.

MARCH.

Origin of St. Patrick's Day—Legends Concerning It.

APRIL.

Initiation and Theta Songs.

MAY.

Tolstoi and His Theory, Anna Karenina.

JUNE.

American Playwrights.

JULY 14TH.

Annual Picnic and Boat-ride.

AUGUST 11TH.

Business Meeting.

Gamma Alumnae.

Is it only, think you, the undergraduate chapters that cherish the illusion that the sun rises and sets for their particular fraternity? It may be; yet for an alumnae chapter no less, the year begins with the first autumn meeting and ends with the last conclave in the spring. And to Gamma Alumnae comes today a comfortable little conviction that "all's well with the world"—for this day she has found herself, and found herself as effectually as the Kipling ship, though it is no storm-trial, but only a summer disintegration she has weathered.

You of the undergraduate chapters, when first you met after the summer's separation, sorely missed your well-loved

seniors, and, Saul-like, you mourned gloomily in your tent. Then the freshmen came, and their coming was as the coming of David, for they brought the harp of consolation into each Theta tent. And, in some mysteriously happy way, they quite made good "the irreparable loss" in senior ranks. It is at this juncture that the alumnae chapter stretches forth eager hands to the "sorely-missed" exiles, and bids them all hail. "A quelque chose malheur est bon", and, always, your loss is our gain. Welcome, indeed, are senior recruits to each company of Theta's National Guard, welcome to all, from captain to awkward squad.

This year Gamma Alumnae has had to release several of her members who are not this year in or near New York City. Happily, some of her wanderers have returned, and she hopes with the addition of those newly graduated, to report an increase over last year's enrollment, attendance and achievements. Certainly the first meeting, held Saturday afternoon, October 28th, at the home of Mrs. R. J. Eidlitz, presaged a year of pure delight. There were a score of us, from perhaps a half-dozen different chapters, and it was with no casual attention that we listened to our delegate's Convention report. That women are successful at railroading, we knew; that one women could in a half-hour transport twenty persons hundreds of miles to and through the quick-changing scenes of a fraternity convention, and bring them quietly back once more, stirred and strengthened, we had not believed possible. By train? Yes, but by train of thought, and naught but admiration was expressed—unchecked, you may be sure.

On the eve of this first meeting of the year, Theta's youngest daughters and our nearest neighbors—the members of Alpha Zeta of Barnard—entertained us at Fiske Hall, in the good old college way, with feasting and with song. They toasted our cares away, and with their Orpheus-melodies (?) they lured away our years one by one, till only that "golden age" was left from which Olympians are forever barred, Arcadia-born though they be!

Gamma Alumnae wishes all her sister chapters as happy a year as she anticipates.

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT.

Kappa Alpha Theta Banquet

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1899.

Hotel English at 8 o'clock.

Thus ran the announcements that were distributed to delegates the second day of our stay in Indianapolis. Two days may seem a short time, but it had seemed two weeks to many of us, and a Theta may begin to truly know a sister Theta in even this short time. And so it was with a strange feeling of joy and sorrow that we looked forward to this beginning of the end.

The grand finale was scheduled on the programs for eight o'clock, but, at the last moment, a band concert in front of the monument had been arranged in our honor, and it must have been nearer ten when the long procession of festive figures finally started down the dining-room stairway. A varied chorus of "ohs" and "ahs" arose as each couple came into full view of the banquet hall; it was truly a beautiful sight. The large room was well filled with ferns and potted palms and the walls were hung with Kappa Alpha Theta banners festooned in greens. The tables were arranged in the shape of a kite. The decorations were pink roses. About a hundred Thetas, old and young, sat down together. At the upper point of the kite sat Miss Post, our new Grand President; on her left, Miss Law and Mrs. Gilbert, and at her right two of the famous quartette of 1870, Mrs. Hannah V. Shaw and Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton, whose presence was a source of great pleasure and inspiration to all.

Our Indiana hostesses had left nothing undone and the feast that was spread before us was, indeed, a royal one. To carry out the sentiment begun by the band in a "Fraternity March," there was Kappa Alpha Theta punch and "pansied" ice cream. At the close of this loyal spread, everyone felt

sufficiently filled with "Thetaism" to appreciate in true fraternity spirit

"Words whose cheer the heart inspires."

Miss Post, our toast mistress, began the program with a beautiful tribute to our absent Grand President. During the evening Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton spoke to us informally. She had come as a delightful surprise to the whole convention, and her words of motherly advice and cheer each and every Theta present will long remember. The following program of the evening was then carried out:

"Cheerful looks make every dish a feast
And 'tis that crowns a welcome."

TOASTS.

MYRA M. POST ----- *Toastmistress.*
Our Hostesses ----- BLANCHE BRIGHAM, *Psi.*

"And every courteous rite was paid
That hospitality could claim."

Our Grand President's Son ----- CAROLINE COMLY, *Alpha Beta.*
"And a child shall lead them."

The Literary Theta ----- CECILIA A. LAW, *Iota.*
"Why did I write? What sin to me unknown dipped me in ink?"

L'Esprit de Corps ----- MARY E. SCOTT, *Gamma Alumnae.*
"The body without the spirit is dead."

The Family Skeleton ----- ANNA WILLIAMS, *Alpha Gamma.*
"Speak, speak, thou fearful guest!"

The Uninitiated ----- RUTH WILDER, *Omega.*
"True friends, though diversely included."

The Coming Theta ----- ADELAIDE HOFFMAN, *Alpha Zeta.*
"Our hearts, our hopes are all with thee,

Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,

Are all with thee,—all are with thee."

—
"And now our revels are ended."

Then all rose and joined in a farewell song. The clock in the corridor told that it was long past midnight and, as many of us had planned to leave on the early morning train, with heavy hearts we bid the Thirteenth Biennial Convention a last "good bye."

RUTH WILDER.

As we recall those four late-summer days spent in Indiana's capital we try, in typical school-girl fashion, to decide just what fraction of just which one of those days was the most truly delightful. Was it the evening receptions, when we were like so many black and gold butterflies, that we were happiest; or was it in the more severe gatherings over in the assembly hall, where we sat under Theta banners and talked over the interests of our beloved

The Two Receptions. fraternity. I fancy that our answers to this query would not be unlike the Oracles of Delphi, equivocal and full of feminine contradictions. Let it suffice that the memory of each is full of gladness.

On Tuesday evening, we well remember, the delegates met one another for the first time. Palms and couches and punch-bowls had made the large court on the first floor of the hotel very inviting, and it was here that we had our initiation into the fraternity at large. What a cosmopolitan gathering we were, with Brown University, Leland Stanford and Ann Arbor on our lips at the same time! We made rather a motley, patch-work appearance, I am afraid, for there were late trains and still later trunks, which sent some of the girls to the reception in shirt-waists and jacket-suits. Some were there in light summer dresses, and still others in gay party gowns. Our motliness, however, was doubtless a good thing after all, for it was much easier to distinguish Miss Alpha Zeta from Miss Upsilon, and Miss California from Miss Vermont, when we had neckties to associate with one set of names, and dimities and ribbons with another.

One at a time, we made pilgrimages to the room where sat the credential committee, and here we were frowned upon for our slightest hesitation. There were Theta songs and dance music later on however, to bring back our good spirits, and we danced and sang to our happy hearts' content.

Here and there through the halls were little groups of girls renewing acquaintances made two years ago at the

Madison convention, or perhaps only a few months before at the Beta District Convention. It was hard to tell which looked the happier—these girls, or the ones to whom everybody and everything was new and strange. For us undergraduates, girls who had never before attended a Grand Convention, the climax of pleasure was reached when we met for the first time the Grand Officers of our fraternity; when we shook hands with them and they became to us something more than mere names attached to articles in the "Kappa Alpha Theta." And so the evening wore on, helpful and delightful. At eleven there was another round of handshaking, and we said "good night."

The trolley party came Wednesday evening, and then on Thursday the entertaining chapters gave another beautiful reception, this one for the joint pleasure of the convention and the Indianapolis friends of Kappa Alpha Theta. Dress suits were rather scarce, but there was a sort of progressive promenade all evening, and in this way nearly everybody had short side-talks with Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta and Beta Theta Pi. Among the guests of the evening there were several young women wearing the key, and it gave us great pleasure to meet them along with the rest of Theta's friends.

It was interesting to compare the reception of Thursday with the one of two evenings before, recalling our first impressions of the delegates and noting the different steps in our acquaintance with them later. We had all grown so fond of one another that I think we shed first tears after we had gone to our rooms that night, for we realized that the next morning would usher in the beginning of the end of our ideal visit to the Thirteenth Grand Convention.

These two receptions were so beautifully planned and so well carried out, that for these alone the hospitality of Indiana Thetas must surely pass into proverb.

ANNA WILLIAMS, *Alpha Gamma.*

CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is December 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

Alpha District.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of this new college year Iota sends wishes for prosperity to all her Kappa Alpha Theta sisters.

There are only ten of us in the active chapter but we are very fortunate in having with us Lisle McCollom, one of last year's seniors, and Edith Griswold from Mu. One of our juniors, Jane Cavarly, is studying in Germany, and we are anxiously awaiting her return in January.

Vena Fenno from Mu who was with us for graduate work three years ago, and who has spent the last two years studying in Paris, is spending a few days with us.

Elizabeth Russell who has been away from Cornell for two years has returned.

We are still in the midst of the rushing season. There was no contract this year so that all fraternities were free to ask as soon as they wished. Some extended invitations within a few days, but Iota who believes in greater conservatism has not yet extended invitations.

We have had several affairs, among them, an amateur play at the home of one of the girls, a novelty party and our annual tea at the home of Mrs. Prentiss, '85.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The University of Vermont has again opened her doors to greet her former friends and welcome the newcomers. Fifteen new girls are now claiming a great deal of our interest and are receiving the usual attentions due to freshmen. We are waiting eagerly to place upon the chosen the token which identifies them with us.

We mourn, as ever, the loss of our seniors, but feel very fortunate in being able to keep with us one loyal Theta of the class of '99, Mabel Nelson, and two others close by. We were very proud to claim among our number the two girls who appeared on the commencement stage and who also wear the Phi Beta Kappa key. A delightful year is before us we are sure, and we wish a similarly happy fortune for sister chapters.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Mu brings a light heart to this banquet of love, for in her autumn coronal the fates have twined more bright leaves than dull ones.

Two breaks in our undergraduate ranks mark the absence of Marrian Stark and Winifred Parshall, the latter of which we lament the more since it is caused by the illness of her, and our sweet sister Alice. Among our sage and serious alumnae we miss the cheery smiles and bright counsel of Amanda Edson, who has taken up kindergartning at Adelphi College, Brooklyn, and Elsa Bascom, who has entered the State Library School at Albany, N. Y. However, lest the task of keeping us straight might rest too heavily upon the dear elder sisters who remain, kind providence has sent back to us Clara Campbell, recently of *The Chautauquan*, as bookkeeper for the Flood Mfg. Co., and Alice Crittenden, last year of the University of Chicago, now Mrs. George G. Derby; and these two loyal hearts and inventive minds are never weary in Theta's service. As an added blessing, Vena Fenno is near us again, and we are privileged to gather up spicy crumbs of her three years' experience abroad.

We have been rather less giddy than usual this fall—to

the advantage of our class records, let us hope. A trolley ride about the city, followed by a dinner given by our ever delightful Theta sister, Mrs. Sion B. Smith (Mae Goff), has been our most pretentious effort at entertaining our new friends among the women students. On this occasion after we rose from the table the Phi Psi's—Mr. Smith's devoted brothers—apprised us of their presence by shouting our yell lustily just outside the door, and for the remainder of the evening we joined with them in music, dancing, cards and conversation. Tomorrow night we are bidden, with our Theta's elect and some of our good men friends, to the home of sister Emma Edson, and there we never fail of unique, stimulating enjoyment.

Yesterday our thoughts were all flying away over our Pennsylvania hills to Warren, where our sister Belle Bartholomew was a bride—the wife of Mr. Will Pratt, a promising young lawyer of Pittsburg, a Phi Delta Theta of Allegheny, and our stanch friend. Marrian Stark visited us on her way to the wedding and others of the girls were there; Clara Hinckley, our gifted little violinist, was to contribute music.

Our "rushing" this term has contained a distressing element of haste and nervous strain, the contract having expired which for two years past bound all the sororities to a fixed date for extending invitations. But it has passed, leaving us slight regret and much thankfulness, and we trust that our sister societies are as firmly convinced as we are that nature has followed her own law of natural selection in separating Kappas from Thetas and Thetas from Alpha Chi's. Just among ourselves we cannot forbear a little jubilation in our pride over the girls who will soon don our kite: Maud Bartholomew, Bessie Phillips, Eleanor Doty and Jessie Williams from Warren, Pa., and Ruth Townley and Marion Bemis from Meadville. Never did our triumphant chapter yell seem more significant, and we shout it from the heart:

Boη, Boη, zip, boom zee !
Kappa Alpha Theta girls are we.
Boη, Boη, zip boom, zee !
Nίκη, νίκη, K. A. T. !

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

"She was a phantom of delight when first she gleamed upon my sight." Of course that means the girl of 1903—the girl for whom Chi has been giving teas, drives and parties innumerable during this exciting, successful rushing season which has closed with September, leaving us to enjoy the days of golden October studying, and planning for the initiation which shall transform each one of our ten pledged girls into a 'really, truly' Kappa Alpha Theta.

During the summer a circulating letter, started by the girls who were camping out at Point Olivia, Thousand Islands, carried all sorts of breezy chapter and college news from town to town, state to state, wherever the Chi girl sought "vacation's fleeting joys."

Of the several changes made in the faculty, since last June, none is more deeply regretted by the students than that of Dr. Richard Jones, the head of our English department, who left us to accept a position in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Chi is glad to welcome Suzanne Sands, 1902, an Alpha Delta girl who entered Syracuse this fall.

The names of our pledges are—Edna Mitchell, Hornellsville, N. Y., Ada Gardiner, Middletown, N. Y., May Baker, Mexico, N. Y., Florence Buck, Bucksport, Maine, Mabelle Howe, Binghamton, N. Y., Maud Millen, Varona, N. Y., Luclare Smith, Eva Smith, Kathrine Tracy, Laura Cowan, Georgie Allen, Syracuse, N. Y.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Swarthmore opened on the twentieth of September, and Alpha Beta again hovers under the protecting wing of her Alma Mater, loyal and true as ever to College and Fraternity.

On the twenty-fifth of April, May Katharine Flannery was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta, and with her among us we have defied all past traditions of the unlucky thirteen.

The fourteenth of June witnessed '99's commencement, when some of us parted, not to meet until fall, while those

living near Philadelphia enjoyed a thoroughly good time at Chelsea, N. J. If you have never been on a Theta house-party you cannot know what a jolly week we spent at the shore. The ocean was superb, and after the many good times that Theta are sure to have, we gave three rousing cheers for Kappa Alpha Theta and scattered to our various homes, not remembering when we had had such a good time.

Of course everyone of us besieged our delegate and plied her with every conceivable question relating to the convention. Her glowing accounts of our biennial meeting made us long to have been there, too, and meet the girls about whom we have heard so much.

A large freshman class entered college this fall, and we already see several who seem to have ideas similar to Theta's. Our asking-day is the eleventh of November, which was decided upon by the three women's fraternities. We are unable to say how many pledglings we will have at that time, as we believe in conservation at Swarthmore, where the numbers are small.

Alpha Beta extends best wishes to her sister chapters.

ALPHA DELTA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Once again Alpha Delta's daughters welcome each other in Fensal Hall. A long and delightful vacation brings us back, thirteen strong, with brains alert and hopes built high upon a successful outcome of the rushing season.

Missing as we do the treasured Seniors of last year, with their vast fund of energy and wise planning, we find ourselves obliged to throw our best energies into the breach made by their absence, and to redouble our efforts during the remainder of the season.

Pan-Hellenic agreement has this year simplified to a considerable degree the process of rushing. No large functions, in the nature of luncheons, plays, receptions, may be given to the incoming class, nor may rushing take place at night in the city. Teas, spreads and afternoon parties, however, are permitted. More personal work is particularly emphasized.

Our circle misses for a time this year the presence of one of its valued Seniors, Carolyn Golding, who has been detained from college duties through illness. It is hoped that December will bring her again among us.

Alpha Delta welcomes back, with great pleasure, Ida Evans, ex-1900, who returns after two years absence to complete her college course.

The home of Bonnie Marshall, 1901, was the scene of many delightful Theta festivities during the past vacation. Ethel Sharp, 1901, and Alice Bennett, 1902, spent a most enjoyable month in Des Moines.

The college year opens with several class victories for Kappa Alpha Theta. Among these, the Secretaryship of the Junior class, and the Presidency of the Sophomore class.

Miss Moody and Mrs. Thomas, of Phi Chapter, Leland Stanford University, visited Alpha Delta during October.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

The last charter member of Alpha Epsilon has graduated, and the Thetas at Brown have been obliged to start in without the devoted pioneers of the chapter. This hardship is alleviated, however, by our having with us as candidates for the Master of Arts degree, Martha Briggs and Edith Thompson.

The fact that we really are Kappa Alpha Thetas has been constantly impressing itself upon us this summer. In various ways we have heard of sisters all over the United States. From two young men of Cornell and Leland Stanford, respectively, we have learned what fine girls are in our chapters at those universities. Away out in Colorado, Josephine Beane had a most pleasant meeting with a gentleman who spoke to her saying that he recognized her pin and that his own daughter was a Theta at Tau.

Our house party of a year ago was such a success that many of the girls wished to try it again and much enthusiasm was evinced last June. By the end of July, there were but seven girls, however, who found it possible to go. The idea of a house party of our very own was given up, but the

seven valiantly started forth, descended upon the Maternuck Beach Hotel, and had a glorious time for a week. Even now, the words "down at Maternuck" bring up the remembrance of manifold delights to the seven girls and make the less fortunate ones sigh.

Two days after our delegates, Ethel Westcott and Martha Watt, returned from the Convention, the whole chapter was invited to spend the day with Mary Wilbur at her summer home at Shawomet Beach. We spent a most delightful day and fairly revelled in news from the convention. We read the newspaper clippings, the programme and menu card, and, above all, looked again and again at the picture of Miss Post. Alpha Epsilon sends her the heartiest good wishes in her new office, and every Theta will be on the look-out for the original of the photograph wherever she goes.

Much to our regret, it was again found this fall impossible to have a contract. We all want it, and earnestly hope that next year may see some kind of an agreement between Kappa Alpha Theta and the two local societies. As it is, the last three weeks have seen us more than busy. The annual entertainment to the freshmen consisted of the presentation of "Gibson Pictures," with a royal good time afterwards. It was a great success, and proved most enjoyable to the entering class. From these we have now chosen seven girls and have received affirmative replies from all. Fortune has been good to Alpha Epsilon in giving the "very cream of the class," and it is a remarkably fine class. Their names will appear in the next letter.

The new president of Brown, Dr. Faunce, is exactly what we need. He has already endeared himself to the hearts of the students, and all are looking forward to his inauguration day, October 17th.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE.

For Barnard girls college opens in October this year on the fourth. No annals therefore of noble deeds wrought in college circles this fall by the valiant daughters of Theta

here, can we send. Much could we tell of Dewey celebrations, as seen from our college buildings,—of a stately procession of grim war ships if such we must call our glorious white squadron, up the noble Hudson River. Much more of the mad enthusiasm with which the uncounted multitudes greeted the white-haired Admiral on that long drive at the head of the mighty hosts containing representatives of so many states sent to do him honor. But as these things are college news only in so much as they delayed the opening of college two days and so gave no time for the making of history by Alpha Zeta before the first journal letter we shall turn from them to speak from Alpha Zeta's point of view of a certain celebration in which the whole fraternity is certainly deeply interested,—the convention at Indianapolis.

For Alpha Zeta, remember, this was not a convention but the first convention and perhaps one of the most striking things about it was that everyone recognized most delightfully that fact. Again and again did delegates, official and visiting, come and ask for the delegate from the infant chapter, come to greet Alpha Zeta. Every chapter, it was clear, was prepared, not to critically survey the new comer, to hear a report, to study, to weigh and to pass judgment, but every chapter came forth to welcome and that right nobly, the younger sister from the East. "We have heard much of Barnard's chapter and we wish to know more," was the delightful opening made again and again for Alpha Zeta's delegate. Her appreciations of this welcome and of the spirit of this greeting is the first thing that Alpha Zeta wishes to proclaim this fall. A little statement in the report of the Grand Council announcing that of the many charters the exact number now escapes me, asked for since last convention, one only had been granted, that one to Barnard College made strangely significant this greeting as coming from a fraternity whose policy of extension is so very conservative. Certainly the hearty welcome has given great joy to Alpha Zeta.

To mention all the other things that made deep impressions upon Alpha Zeta as a result of convention reports

would be impossible. Two other points only can be touched upon here. In the first place the diversity of interests of the different chapters came out very clearly. The differing candidates under which various sets of earnest Thetas live out their chapter histories were set forth. A sympathetic understanding of these things cannot fail to encourage the broad spirit of tolerance. An appreciation of the fact that one policy will not do for all, arises from such knowledge. That the ideal be one and that it be sought after with like zeal and earnestness is essential, but the means may differ. There are many noble avenues of work and within certain limits each chapter knows best which one is suited to her fullest development. Alpha Zeta recognizes this fact more fully because of what she has seen and heard at Convention.

The last thing to be mentioned is the direct opposite of this diversity, we refer to the similarity oddly and unexpectedly appearing from convention discussions between chapters widely separated geographically. To tell your methods of chapter government, your conduct of initiations, your social spirit, your financial arrangements, your chapter feeling with regard to this matter or that, is not nearly so interesting as to hear some one else relate the whole as a part of her chapter report, relate it so nearly as you yourself would report for your own chapter, that you can second almost every statement absolutely as made. This experience, an experience that Alpha Zeta had brought home to her very strongly at convention, makes one feel the essential unity that does exist among the various chapters of the fraternity, and take note of the remarkable similarity that in many cases extends to the minutest details of chapter life. These are only a few of the suggestive things that appeal to Alpha Zeta as the result of her experience at her first convention. The chapter, consisting of fourteen loyal Thetas, starts out the college year with the deep inspiration of the broad fraternity ideal and spirit upon her.

Beta District.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

From East and West, from North and South, came the Thetas of Alpha chapter at the first chiming of the college bell. What a real pleasure it was to greet each dear sister, what was the tearful regret over the absence of those who said "good-bye" to the chapter last year, only a Theta can understand.

The influence and enthusiasm of the convention at Indianapolis has thrilled like an electric current through each girl's heart, and each has promised herself to be more loyal, and steadfast and true to the Theta ideal.

Our chapter house has been much improved, and is prettier and cozier than ever. We have been the proud recipients of several beautiful pictures from some of the alumnae, appreciated not only for their beauty, but also for the loving thoughtfulness that prompted the giving.

Wedding bells have rung for two Alpha girls since our last letter. Ida Mae Hood, of Portland, Ind., was married to Mr. Semle of that city, last June. On the evening of September 27th, Blanche Swahlen, daughter of Dr. Swahlen, professor of Greek in the University, was married to Joseph P. Allen, Jr., B.O.II., of this city. The beautiful ceremony was performed in the College Avenue M. E. Church. No guests present were prouder or happier than the Alpha girls, accompanied by the girls who are being rushed this year.

Miss Grace Crowder after an absence of four years has again entered the University. Miss Mary Talbot, '97, made us a short but pleasant visit.

The rushing season is now at its height, but everything is most encouraging, and our next letter will introduce to you several new Theta sisters. Our contract ends in a few days and we are eagerly awaiting that time. Our alumnae club entertains for us one evening and we have no better argument to advance to new girls than that afforded by an acquaintance with these alumnae Thetas to whom we owe so

much of our pleasure in social life and success in intellectual work.

We are justly proud of our senior girls of last year. Four of the five senior Thetas were given admittance to the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. They were, Miss Mary Town, Miss Mary Birch, Miss Nora Levrinhaus and Miss Elizabeth McIntosh.

To all her sister chapters Alpha sends most loving greeting and best wishes that this year may prove the happiest and most successful yet experienced.

BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Chapter has fewer members this term than she has had for years. We who were freshmen so short a time ago, are now beginning to realize more fully, the responsibilities and trials of fraternity life. Heretofore we had selfishly let the burden fall on the "older girls," but we ourselves belong now to that most delectable and also most unappreciated body.

The first four weeks of the fall term are our very hardest ones for then, if ever, our time is not our own but is, rather, the especial property of the new girls. In league with the other three sororities at Indiana University Beta Chapter has promised to observe the pledging contract and not to pledge a girl until Tuesday afternoon of the fourth week of college. Many new girls have entered school this fall, some at least, of whom we think will make good Thetas and whom we shall work hard to secure. We have already entertained them at the chapter house, with spreads and informal dances, not to mention a circus which some of the girls gave last week. Buckboard rides, trips to the country, etc., have been planned for next week, in fact, each girl is working and doing what she can in the way of entertaining the new students.

We have scarcely been able to give our fraternity work for the year, a thought yet, much less arrange it. This terrible rushing season, when we merely exist and do not pretend to live, will last only two weeks more, however, and then Beta hopes to settle down once more and get to work.

DELTA—ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Delta Chapter sends greetings to her sister chapters.

After a delightful summer vacation ten of our old girls have come back each ready to do and dare for her fraternity. We feel so proud here at Illinois, for we have what may practically be called a chapter house. All but three rooms of a large, beautiful, new house belong to us, and for the first time in our history we *Thetas* live together. On September nineteenth, we performed the first initiation in our new home. Julia Mattis, of Champaign, Marjorie Forbes, of Urbana, and Louise Brookings, of Des Moines, were taken into the mystic bonds of our loved fraternity.

The rushing season still continues, although not so hotly as earlier. We have been very fortunate in our new pledges. Mary H. Kettridge, of Keene, N. H., a senior Wellesley woman, and Phoebe Mullikan, of Champaign, wear the black and gold.

Although we have not yet made definite plans, we hope to do some good, systematic work in our meetings this winter, and to make them mean something more to us than mere social gatherings.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Epsilon are very much pleased with the prospects at the opening of the new year. A number of our old girls are back with us, while we have added three to our circle in the persons of Nellie Lloyd, Lucy Warren and Lucy Cass, all charming girls.

Our rushing party transpired under the very worst of auspices—that is, during a perfect cloudburst when the rain fell in torrents and light gowns and curled hair were put out of the question. However, we endeavored to demonstrate anew that mind is superior to matter, and even through the unsympathetic media of plain gowns and straight locks, tried to make the new girls see that we are their friends and wish them to feel at ease with us, and we are sure that we succeeded.

Our chapter this fall is not large, but just the size which we are egotistical enough to consider ideal—fourteen. The prospects of Wooster University as a whole are greatly brightened by the acquisition of our new president, E. L. Holden, and altogether we are looking forward to a bright and happy year. That all the rest of you may have the same is our sincere and earnest wish.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since our last letter there have been a number of changes in our chapter. Some of the older girls have left us, and we realize our loss exceedingly at this time when we feel the grave responsibility of cherishing new Thetas. We have already put the colors on four splendid girls whom we pledged last spring. We have also pledged two others, for, although we do not approve of haste, we are forced to pledge early here because we have not, so far, been able to make any contract with the other fraternities.

This year we shall keep up our former custom of having a Tuesday afternoon, we found it such a help and pleasure.

We are managing our home alone this year, since our dear mother, Mrs. Williams, has gone south. It remains to be seen how we get along without the loving help and guidance which endeared her to all of us so much.

Eta sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all possible happiness for the coming year.

KAPPA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Kappa has an unusually large number of new girls to report this fall. Last spring, too late for the Journal letter, an initiation was held, and three girls, Anna Warfield, of Abilene, Edna Warkentin, of Newton, and Bess Hafer, of Ft. Scott were taken into the chapter. Even with these additions, however, our number was quite small when we reassembled at the opening of school. Our six seniors, with the exception of Daisy Dixon, who is taking post graduate work, were all inactive, and the vacancies they left were

very noticeable. Four of last year's undergraduates also did not return, and we numbered only twelve.

But soon four exceptionally fine Lawrence girls, Louise Alder, Nelle Wilhelm, Mary Barnett, and Isabelle Hazen, ended a period of anxiety by donning black and yellow bows, and, with true fraternity spirit turned to help in rushing those out of town girls who seemed characteristically Theta-like. Our season has included many jolly evenings, a morning card party, a hop, a progressive drive, and a tally-ho. In a short time we had pledged Edith Allen, of Independence, Bertha Badsky, of Oskaloosa, Maude Brown, of Ottawa, and Estelle Riddle, of Minneapolis. On September twenty-third we initiated and welcomed all but the last named of our pledges into full sisterhood.

Auguring good fortune to come, from our victories just past, we feel that in every way the coming year will prove successful to Kappa Alpha Theta. With all our hearts we send greeting to our fellow chapters, trusting that their encouragement has been as great as our own.

NU—HANOVER COLLEGE.

Another year of work, with its endless possibilities, has rolled around, and the three months' separation has endeared Nu's members and made a closer bond between us than ever existed before.

The rushing season, which is perhaps one of the most interesting phases of fraternity life, has almost passed with us as we have no asking contract. We feel that our chapter will be greatly strengthened by our initiates of this term.

Our first meetings have been exceptionally good and indicate that this year will be one of growth in every respect.

We can scarcely be reconciled to the death of one of our dearest Theta sisters, Jessie Miller. Her loss is not only felt in the chapter, but throughout the entire college.

This week Mrs. Gooden, a patroness, opens her home to the Theta girls for entertaining. The house is to be decorated with golden rod, a most accommodating flower to Theta.

The president of Hanover has recently returned from his third trip abroad.

The college building is undergoing extensive improvements.

One of Nu's members has been appointed as assistant editor of the college journal, and another as assistant editor of this year's college annual.

One of the most enjoyable events of last year, which occurred too late to go in Nu's letter to the journal, was a reunion of all the Thetas of Hanover and Madison. One member of Beta was also present.

Nu hopes that every other chapter is looking forward to the year's work with as much enjoyment as she.

PI--ALBION COLLEGE.

It is the same old tale. If there is "something new under the sun" it never affects college or at least fraternity life. We have prayed for an innovation, but none has come; so we have proceeded to love more than ever the old order of things.

A propitious fate smiled on Pi this fall and sent back to her eleven active members. It is inevitable that we should miss the wise counsel of our two departed seniors, but there are five others who are striving to get the dignity of seniorship to fit and who are doing fairly well at filling their places. We also miss this year Nellie Roy, ex-'02, and Carroll Childs, ex-'01, who are spending the year at their homes, and Ada G. Rogers, ex-'02, who is attending school at the State Normal.

In spite of the vacant places, our first meeting was very happy. First meetings always are. Everyone had so much to say. What was better, everyone had the opportunity to say all she wished. The parliamentary censor did not dare so soon to assume her jovian majesty and to hurl her thunderbolts at offending chatter-boxes. It was the quintessence of happiness just to talk. Finally, after some order had begun to emerge from the seemingly hopeless chaos, our beloved president arose and in an awful voice announced

that we would have a "talk-around", the subject of which was, "Our Policy in the Rush".

"The Rush!" Did one short word ever contain a deeper meaning, ever embody more breathless suspense, and then more joy—or tears? We were silenced. It was as though we had looked backward and, like Lot's wife, all been turned to pillars of salt. The "talk-around" resulted in the adoption of a policy which we endeavored to carry out in our rushing.

This has been by no means the least eventful of Pi's rushing seasons. The struggle has been desperate. The weapons—teas, parties and marshmallow roasts—have been recklessly employed. Now it is about ended, and Pi is proud, to say the least, of her success. It takes two new links in Pi's chain to hold her unresisting captives, while three new pledglings are wearing the black and gold: Vera Franklin, '03, Albion, Mich.; Ola Smith, '03, Chicago, Ill.; Edith Bolster, Albion, Mich.; Mabel Anthony, Albion, Mich.; Maude Boonstra, Zeeland, Mich.

But to go back. Our commencement banquet last spring, though we did not have as many of the old girls with us as sometimes formerly, was one of the most enjoyable in Pi's history. It was one of those quiet times which seem designed especially to fill each heart anew with love for Kappa Alpha Theta. Emma R. Osborne, '00, was toastmistress, and toasts were given by Mary Garfield, '94, Maude Hallenbeck, '96, Alice Temple, '99, Lena M. Hunt, '01, and Alice S. Wixon.

Our chief interest at present lies in the report of our delegate to the convention. She brought home a good supply of inspiration, which she is dividing among us.

Pi chapter gave the first of a series of "At Homes" to the ladies of the city and faculty Saturday afternoon. This is a new idea at Albion, and we feel that because of its novelty, if nothing more, it will be a success.

Now that the joys and sorrows of rushing are over, we are to direct all our energies toward securing that inner harmony and improvement which is the real strength of any fraternity and the aim of Kappa Alpha Theta.

We wish success to all sister chapters and long life and prosperity to dear Kappa Alpha Theta.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The college year opened with a rush—Lincoln was entertaining the "Fighting" First Regiment just home from Manila and then, too, the Street Fair distracted student minds from registration.

Rho has been cozily settled in her new chapter house from the beginning. Our alumnae, our chaperon and the town girls had furnished it daintily, during the summer, and those returning from their vacations had only to move in.

A much loved "Theta mother" who sits at the head of our table, makes the harmony complete.

The house itself is an old fashioned rambling affair with numberless little nooks and corners. It seems like the realization of a long cherished dream as the girls group themselves about the broad windowseat in the wide hall and "talk frat" all at once while the one who drums, plays "Georgia Camp-meeting" with the soft pedal on. Outside there are many porches and a splendid lawn where we see visions of garden parties yet to come.

Our delegate to the Convention came home laden with new ideas on fraternity matters in general and on chapter houses in particular.

The rushing season has been short and sharp and is still on. We have entertained almost entirely at the fraternity house, with the exception of an informal dance, which was given through the kindness of Miss Walch at Walch Hall.

Rho is very proud to introduce to Kappa Alpha Theta, her new pledges, Margaret Loomis, of Lincoln, and Laura Woodford, of Medina, New York.

Rho feels that she has been most fortunate this year, not only in the charming girls she has won but in the high standard she has been striving for.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

"Rushing" is practically over at Northwestern, and we girls of Tau chapter are feeling very happy over the successes which have come to us in every case. We have five pledged girls, two of Evanston, Margaret Pearson and Edna Cooke; Anna Johnson, of Wilmette; Margaret Bennett, of Mobile; and Mabel Whiteside, of Freeport. Our initiation is to be early, before our Jeannette Becker, who cannot be with us this year, returns to Memphis. Although we have greatly enjoyed our numerous rushing teas and chafing dish parties, etc., at which we have been fortunate in having several visiting Thetas, Eva Hall, Mrs. Whitson and Mrs. Preston, we are very anxious to settle down to regular work and the dear old Monday nights up in the fraternity hall. Although we shall miss Irene Parks, Mary Orth, Jessie Farr and Esca Rogers from our active circle, still all of the chapter of last year, and Lida Scott, who is back again in college, will often be together, and with our five new girls we are looking forward to a splendid year, which we hope may be shared by every one of Theta's chapters.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

College has opened, and again we sisters in Theta are back at our work, glad to be together once more. We, of Upsilon began with a small chapter this year, but we are about to add six Theta pledglings to our number. Grace Lovayea, Harriette Watson, Helen Trevor, Lulu Ridgeway, Glenn Stockton, Nella Kenny. True, noble girls every one. Our college numbers more this year than ever before and there is a spirit of enthusiasm manifest in every branch of college activity. We Thetas, too, have caught the contagion and are even more enthusiastic than last year if that is possible.

Our delegate to Grand Convention returned to us full of ideas and more fully aware of the sweetness of sisterhood.

One feature of our fraternity life this year which will prove very pleasant is the series of nine luncheons to be given the last Saturday of every month by some one of the

alumnae. We have already been entertained this month and we all enjoyed it exceedingly.

We miss Alice Woodman, '02, very much this year. She is studying Art at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

One more biennial Convention has rolled around and a throng of kite bearers have come from the far East and farther West; we have met, have known the gladness of a Theta's greeting and have parted.

It would be interesting to play the Polonius and listen to the different Convention reports.

To be sure, we all bring back the record of work completed, proudly show the arduous labors completed, tell a pathetic tale of extra sessions and Indiana heat, and with all the dignity of newly acquired knowledge, advise the chapter to become parliamentary in their meeting for the sake of the next delegate.

But too, can we bring back to them the spirit of the whole Convention?

Can we make them feel the loyalty, the enthusiasm that filled the heart of every lover of the black and gold?

Can we show them that when we have learned to find the "joy of the working, we have found the fundamental element in fraternal success? And too, how amply all the enthusiasm, the love and labor we put into our chapters is refunded?

These are the thoughts which will remain with us when we have forgotten the crowded halls of the reception, the hilarity of the trolley ride and the brilliancy of the banquet scene.

As our lives are measured by our greatest moments, so may the strength of our national fraternity be gauged by the fleeting hours of our conventions.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Our girls have come together this fall with even more than usual Theta enthusiasm, owing to the recent conven-

tion at Indianapolis. There were eight Alpha Gamma girls there, and all returned sounding Theta's praises with a new spirit, and united in giving such glowing accounts that we could almost imagine we had all been there and that we really knew many of the girls from other chapters about whom we heard so much.

We had an initiation last June of which we have not yet had an opportunity to tell you, and as a result of which we are eager to introduce to you three new Thetas, Bertha Patterson, Edith Corner and Perla Grey Bowman, who is a member of the faculty, being at the head of the department of domestic science.

The fall rushing season is not yet over at O. S. U., but we have two pledglings, Desha Hubbard and Maud Lyon. We would like to tell you all about these five new sisters but, though that cannot be done here, we can say that they are genuine Thetas of whom you would all be proud.

The fall season has had its usual little gaieties and we have had our rushing parties; but you all know about receptions, spreads and chafing-dish parties, so we will not tell you about those, but we must tell you about our house party. It was as an experiment this year that we engaged rooms at "Ethledale," a pretty country place not far from Columbus, for the week before school opened, thinking that there would probably be about twenty Thetas there from time to time during the week. Our expected twenty increased to thirty-three before the week was over, for every Alpha Gamma girl who could possibly do so came. The place proved to be an ideal one for a house party, and it was very reluctantly, indeed, that we came back to school at the end of that happy week, our experiment having proved such a success that we expect to make it an annual event. It gave us great pleasure to have Adelaide Hoffman, from Barnard College, with us there for a day, as she was returning from the convention at Indianapolis.

Alpha Gamma feels a great loss this year in the absence of Anna Williams, who graduated last year and is now teaching in Jackson, Ohio, and of Florence Durstine, who has gone to Wellesley to finish her course.

Alpha Gamma sends best wishes for a very happy and successful year to all the sister chapters.

Gamma District.

PHI—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Vacation is over and we are back again at the beginning of a new year. For some of us it is the first time; for others it is perhaps the second or third; for the rest it is the last. It makes very little difference either way. The years are much alike—discouraging, unpleasant, tiresome sometimes for a minute or two perhaps, but always successful and good to look back upon when the end comes. Always, and in the midst of troublesome times we remember that and take courage.

Just now we are in the midst of our rushing season. It is sharper this year than it has been. Last year we had only two rivals, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma. Now we have Alpha Phi as well. As usual, however, there is a very kindly feeling among us and we are having no difficulty in maintaining our six weeks' contract.

Phi has but seven girls in the house this year. There are five active members living outside. We have our regular weekly business meetings on Monday night; our "at home" night comes as usual on the last Saturday of the month.

The house girls have for their chaperon this year Miss Grace Dennen, a graduate of Smith, '92, and at present instructor in English at this university. Miss Dennen has already endeared herself to all of us, and our home life with her promises to be unusually happy.

Just now Phi girls are looking forward to a faggot party which Mrs. Gilbert, our late District President, has arranged for Thetas and their freshman friends. It is to be given on Wednesday evening, October eleventh, at Mrs. Gilbert's home in Palo Alto, and whither we are to repair after our studying is done, for an hour or two sure to be delightful.

Added to our great good fortune in having Mrs. Gilbert and many other Theta faculty ladies in our neighborhood, we are especially happy this year in being able to welcome home Mrs. Elsie Shelley Heath, one of Phi's early members, who comes back to us in the new roll of a professor's wife. Besides Mrs. Heath, we have two Iota ladies, Mrs. Frien and Mrs. Rolf.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

I write this letter at the close of a day which will be memorable in the history of the University of California.

When the events in the Orient awakened a new interest in the Pacific coast, when the material wants of the University were supplied by the generous gifts of two benevolent women, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and Miss Cora Jane Flood, we felt California was destined no longer to be an unknown university in an out-of-the-way corner of the globe, and we predicted a brilliant future for our Alma Mater.

However, we felt it was not for us children of the present generation to see a realization of our hopes, but in the events of these past months, in the great architectural competition, which has centered the eyes of the cultured world upon us, we have felt our ideals grow more tangible. Today, when our new President, Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, appeared for the first time among us, it seemed the initiation to a new epoch of university life.

On the spreading campus, in the baking sun of a true Californian autumn noon, he was welcomed by about three thousand students and alumnae of the University. He stood on a slightly elevated platform, about him were grouped two battalions of six hundred men students in the military uniform which this University, as a state institution, and under the regulation of the militia, prescribes, beyond them were the women students and alumnae. It was an impressive sight and one that will always live in the minds of all of us.

As the president advanced to speak to us, a mighty cheer went forth—again and again they shouted for President

Wheeler and California's Blue and Gold. Then an expectant hush fell on all as the first words of the man with whom our future is so closely bound, were heard. What he said was an exhortation to higher ideals and broader culture. He impressed it upon us that the possibility for a greater University lay in the students themselves, that it was their task to develope the potentiality which lies in our Alma Mater.

You as college women as well as Theta sisters know what this means to us and can sympathize and understand our pride and our glowing hopes for the future.

Doubtless you all know of the architectural competition, which Mrs. Hearst has made possible, and that it is the most colossal thing of its kind ever attempted. The accepted designs by Monsieur E. Bénard are now on exhibition in San Francisco.

One can have no idea of the grandeur of these plans if one is unfamiliar with the natural advantages of the University. The campus slopes in gentle undulations up to the hill, across San Francisco Bay the purple-blue sides of Tamulpais tower up to the very sky and towards the west is the Golden Gate with the Pacific Ocean stretching out beyond.

It were strange indeed if our fraternity life was not influenced by the expanding and growth of the University. We feel most truly that as our college life broadens so does also our fraternity life. It is our endeavor to make our influence felt upon the college at large and to have at heart the interests and good of the college people as well as our own congenial circle.

We are still in the rushing season, that very trying time and know we shall all rejoice when it is ended on the twenty-seventh of this month by our initiation. The Freshman class has been larger than in past years and more full of promising material. We have had more carefully than ever to exercise our discrimination in selecting, but our efforts have been rewarded and we have come off with the best that the class of 1903 has.

We are more than fortunate this year in our chaperone, that most perplexing problem in the management of a chapter house, and now if our finances will only come out correspondingly well, we shall feel Omega's cup of happiness is overflowing.

Our delegate brought us home much fraternity spirit from the Convention. You, who are near each other, have no idea what these biennial gatherings mean to isolated chapters like Phi and Omega. It is through the Conventions that we realize that not in the chapters alone but in the fraternity organization lies the strength of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Greetings to all Thetas and best wishes for a prosperous year.

PERSONALS.

ALPHA BETA.

The engagement has been announced of Pauline Broomell, '99, to Mr. Humpton.

Dora Lewis, '91, will start for Germany on Nov. 7, where she will spend the winter in study and then travel through Italy and Switzerland.

Dr. and Mrs. Hull, née Hannah Clothier, '91, have returned from a summer tour abroad, and are occupying their home in Swarthmore.

Elizabeth Willits, '99, spent two months of the summer with her brother in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Birdsall, née Morris, of Beta, visited the wife of William I. Birdsall, president of Swarthmore College.

ALPHA GAMMA.

Grace Vance, '98, is teaching in Caldwell College, Danville, Ky.

Ruth Ford, '98, is preceptress of the Geneva Normal School, Geneva, Ohio.

Edith Bell is teaching in the Columbus High School.

Martha Fisher Griffin, of Xenia, Ohio, has a daughter, born in August.

Anna Williams, '99, is teaching in Jackson, Ohio.

Florence Durstine, '01, has gone to Wellesley College.

ALPHA DELTA.

Alice Tone, ex-1900 is attending Iowa State University, Grenell, Ia.

M. Maude Kingman, ex-'98 is teaching in Miss Clark's School, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Ira B. Penniman (Cora Lee Gardiner, '97,) is spending the winter in Chicago.

Zora Baker, ex-1900 is studying music at Mount Union College, Alliance, O.

Mrs. Arthur Staples (Phoebe J. Appleyard, ex-'99,) is rejoicing in the birth of a son, born August 15.

ALPHA EPSILON.

The engagement of Caroline L. Briggs to Dr. Arthur MacWhinney was announced this summer.

Edna Arnold is at Colby as lady principal, having been appointed from out of a hundred applicants.

Anna L. Gray is teaching in Passaic, N. J.

Josephine Beane enjoyed a very pleasant trip to California this summer.

Harriet Utter and Agnes Clark are teaching in the Providence High Schools.

Martha Briggs and Edith Thompson are working for their Master of Arts degree at Brown.

GAMMA ALUMNAE.

On Friday, October 27, Alpha Zeta entertained Gamma Alumnae at supper in honor of Miss Scott. It was an exceedingly delightful evening, and Alpha Zeta are charming hostesses.

We hope to have among us this year Adelaide Hoffman, Alpha Zeta, '99, who is at present substituting in the Girls' High School of Brooklyn.

EPSILON.

Evaline Harrington, '99, is at her home in Lyon, O.

Ruth Thompson, '99, and her sister Grace, ex-'01, returned to their home in Tokio, Japan, during the summer.

Mary B. Anderson, ex-'01, is spending the winter with her brother, Rev. Merle Anderson, at Ebensburg, Pa.

Wallace Hall, ex-1903, is spending the winter at home, in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Elizabeth Cathcart, ex-'01, is attending Vassar this year.

Mrs. Frederic McMillan nee Saybolt, and her baby boy, Francis Saybolt McMillan, are visiting in Wooster.

ETA.

Louisa R. Gibbs, '99, is now teaching in the high school at Hinsdale, Ill.

Charlotte M. Leavitt is dean of the woman's department at Washburn College, Topeka.

Mabel C. Gale is teaching in the Detroit High School.

Carry Mowry, who has been teaching in Saginaw High School, has returned to take her degree this year.

Susan F. Patterson is teaching in Detroit High School.

Mrs. Laura Hills Norton of Chicago traveled through California during the summer and met some of the Thetas at Los Angeles.

Charlotte Walker and her mother accompanied Dr. Mosher, dean of the woman's department of Michigan, on her travels through Norway and Sweden.

Alice E. Wadsworth spent the summer in Europe and sent us Theta pansies from the Alps.

Jane V. Pollock, after her return from the convention, entertained the Eta girls in and about Chicago, to tell of those glorious days in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Edwin Cheney entertained the same crowd at dinner in her dear little home in Oak Park, Ill. Among the decorations of this home are the curtains representing Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Gamma Delta, the fraternities of these young people. The beads forming the background are of blue, which, with the gold beads of the pins, gives the yellow and blue of Michigan.

Winifred Craine is now head of the department of English in a college in Pennsylvania.

Harriette Waller is again teaching in Barnard School for Boys, New York.

Eta's loss has been Delta's gain, for Mabel Davison, one of our dearest girls, has gone to the University of Illinois to attend library school there.

Jane Pollock and Susan Patterson, while traveling through the lakes this summer, spent a week at Duluth, where they were royally entertained by Minnesota Thetas.

IOTA.

Eva Capron, Iota, '96, who was called in the winter to the Brooklyn Girls' High School is once more one of the faithful Gamma alumnae.

Helen Huebener, Iota, '99, is teaching English and Latin

in a private school in Manhattan. Thus another Iota girl has come within the pale of Gamma alumnae.

Isadore Mudge, Iota, '97, has returned temporarily to the Albany Literary School.

Adelaide T. Young has been appointed instructor in biology in Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y.

LAMBDA.

Miss May Russell, '99, has a position as teacher in the Richford Grammar School.

Miss Fanny Smith, '99, is teaching in Shelburne.

Mrs. Marion McIntyre Loudon, ex-'99, is living in Burlington.

Miss Anna Clark, '98, is teaching in the State Normal School, Framingham, Mass.

The birth of a son on Oct. 23 to Mrs. Wilfred A. Manchee, née Annie Leavens, Lambda, is announced.

Miss Margaret Healey, ex-1900, has returned to resume her college duties after a year's absence.

Miss Bessie Wright is teaching in Newport.

Miss Lillian Scott is teaching in Newhampton, N. H.

NU.

Virginia Overton, '96, teaches in Madison this year.

May Firth, '02, has gone to Missouri to spend the winter. Mable Almond, '02, was unable to return to college this fall, but hopes to be with us next term.

Mary Parker Singleton, '01, has moved to Covington, Ky.

Julia Penn, '03, one of our pledged girls, has entered Hamilton College for Young Ladies, Lexington, Ky.

Margaret Hill has been elected president of Oswego College, Kansas.

Virginia Southgate is successful and popular as the principal of Albert Lea College. She spent the year '97-'98 traveling in Europe, and last year took a graduate course in Chicago University.

Mrs. Tom Baird (Annie Adams) returned from Korea last June for a year's rest.

Jessie Miller, '02, died at Winona, August 25th.

Glen Ramsey, '96, is teaching near Hanover, Ind.

PI.

Alice J. Temple, '99, is preceptress of the school at Cedar Springs, Michigan.

Ethel E. Cooper, '99, is teaching at Croswell, Michigan.

RHO.

Miss Grace MacMillan, '99, is teaching in the High School at Hebron, Nebraska.

Miss Leola Vancil, '99, has gone to make her home in Pittsburg.

Miss Emily Weeks, '99, will spend the year in Boston.

Miss Nellie Randall, '99, is teaching in Falls City, Nebraska.

Lida Millar, '99, received a scholarship in English Literature.

Jean Tuttle, '98, is doing graduate work in Chicago University.

Edith Schwartz Clements was made a Fellow in German.

Mrs. Burr will move to New York in a few months, where her husband will enter a law firm.

Mrs. Ansley is in Iowa City, where Professor Ansley will have charge of the departments of English and English Literature.

UPSILON.

The engagement is announced of Jane Pomeroy to John E. Bradford. Mr. Bradford is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Mrs. Zoe Hotchkiss Duval is taking post graduate work in the university.

Gesena Koch, '99, is studying kindergarten work in the city.

Foi Hotchkiss has accepted a position in a Kansas high school.

Marian Chapman, '02, is taking up kindergarten work in St. Paul.

Mary How, '02, is teaching at her home in Sauk Centre.

CHI.

Lena Rhoades, '99, who has been spending the summer abroad, in Germany, Scotland and England, is expected home this month.

Bird Greenleaf, '97, has been visiting at the home of Mabel Northrup, '98.

Edna Congdon, ex-'98, spent a week at the lodge recently. Lena Hoose, '99, has been visiting friends in the city.

Myra Norris, '00, was too ill to return to college this fall. Anice Whitney, '99, is teaching music in Maryville College, Tennessee.

Julia Stowell, '99, is teaching at Marlborough, on the Hudson.

OMEGA.

Hymen seems to have taken possession of Omega. We feel that we must hold Theta record with our seven weddings and one engagement.

The engagement of Elizabeth Hoyt, ex-'00, now at Wellesley College, to Dr. Clifton Price, is announced. Dr. Price is an instructor in the Latin department of this university.

Grace Johnson, of Lambda, was with us for a short visit before returning to her school at El Cajon.

Katherine Wickson and Edith Bonnell, both of the class of '99, are doing graduate work at the University.

Marion Whipple, '98, made us a visit at the beginning of the semester.

Fanny Stone, '99, is teaching in the Lodi High School.

WEDDING BELLS.

ALPHA.

Married, Wednesday evening, September 6th, at the home of the bride's parents, Margaret Ellen Smith and Mr. Wilbur C. Abbott.

ALPHA BETA.

On October 14th, Jane C. Shaw, '95, was married to Mr. William Hepburn. They will reside in Avondale.

ALPHA GAMMA.

Ida Schiller, '97, was married in June to Mr. Clyde Bartholomew, Phi Kappa Psi.

Helen Patterson, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was married in June to Mr. Fanren Alsdorf.

ALPHA DELTA.

Married September 14, 1899, at New Haven Conn., Antoinette Florence Fullerton, ex-1900, to Rev. Burdette Boardman Brown, Yale, '97.

EPSILON.

Miss Mildred Immel, '91, and Mr. Thomas Flattery, '91, were married June 21st, 1899, at the bride's home in Jamestown, N. Y. They are at home in Wooster.

Miss Grace Dunlap, ex-'99, and Mr. Allan Barnett, Beta Theta Pi, ex-1900, were married September 12th, 1899. They are at home at Shadyside, Louisiana.

ETA.

On the 15th of last June, Mamah B. Borthwick was married to Edwin Cheney, and Eta has gained a loyal brother.

NU.

At high noon, August 30, '99, in the First Presbyterian Church, Madison, occurred the wedding of Clara Dana-Palmer to Mr. Harry E. Gros, Delta Tau Delta. Mr. Gros is engaged in the practice of law at Kansas City, Mo., and is a recent graduate of Columbia Law School. Mr. and Mrs. Gros are at home in Kansas City. The bridesmaids, with one exception, were Nu girls.

On Thursday evening, August 31, Pauline Ernst, of Madison and Dr. G. W. Hamilton, of Louisville, were married. Dr. Hamilton who is an alumnus of Tau Chapter, Phi Gamma Delta and a graduate of Louisville Medical College has received an appointment as Medical Missionary in Siam. The happy pair left immediately for their future home.

PI.

Nelle Adams, ex-1900, was married to Frederick P. Bender, Delta Tau Delta, at Bellevue, Michigan, September fifteenth.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Agnes Graves to Warren Wright, Alpha Tau Omega, September fourth, at Albion, Mich.

RHO.

Married, May 30, 1899, Edith Schwartz, '98, to Doctor Frederick Clements.

CHI.

Married, Miss Lena C. Burton and Howard L. Andrews at the home of the bride's parents in Syracuse, N. Y., on June 22.

On October 26 Miss Jessie M. Mains, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., was married to Dr. Arthur E. Strong, of Syracuse, N. Y. They will live in Mt. Vernon.

Married, on Wednesday evening, October the eleventh, May Estelle Brown and Reverend Frank David Torrey, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fulton, N. Y.

OMEGA.

Mary McLean, '95, is to be married to Mr. Warren Olney, Jr., on the twenty-fourth of October. Mr. Olney is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Mamie Macubbin Kent, '99, was married to Lieutenant J. Malcolm Graham, U. S. A., on July twelfth. Lieutenant Graham is a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Lucretia Watson, '98, was married to Mr. B. Grant Taylor on Wednesday, June fourteenth.

Agnes Crary, '92, was married in June to Mr. Philip Weaver of Honolulu, Hawaii. Mr. Weaver is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Mabel Hall, '93, was married to Mr. Lester Jacobs on July fifth.

Susan Webb, '93, was married to Dr. Willard Inglish on July eighteenth.

Florence Sawyer, ex-'94, was married in June to Mr. J. Ransome Bransby.

In Memoriam.

JESSIE MAY VANNUYS MILLER.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has taken home our beloved sister, Jessie M. Miller ; be it

Resolved, That while we would submit to Him, and think it for the best, that the first link in our chain is broken, yet we most sincerely mourn the loss of one who possessed a beautiful Christian character and won our deepest love by her consistent daily life among us. And that we endeavor to follow the example of one who was so true a Theta in word and deed. And further be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Mu chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, extend to her parents, brothers and many friends our heartfelt sympathy in this our common sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her parents and to the JOURNAL for publication.

GRACE LINDLEY,
DELL GOSSARD,
LUCY HUGHES.

EDITORIALS.

The success of the summer convention this year is undoubtedly, whether it will establish a precedent or not remains to be seen. Certainly the number present from some of the near by chapters and the many alumnae who attended were strong reasons in favor of always holding our convention before the opening of the college year. The amount of business done and the results of the past two years in the fraternity as shown by the various convention reports are most gratifying and encouraging. To the outsider these results can not be presented in statistics of numbers gained, no new chapters having been added to our roll this year, but when a fraternity has reached the point of organization and distribution that we have, the addition of new chapters is a work that advances slowly.

The request was made that the JOURNAL publish illustrated articles upon the various colleges in which we have chapters and we hope to do so throughout the year. The most important change in the Grand Council is the election of Miss Post to fill Mrs. Walter's place as Grand President. Miss Post has served the fraternity long enough in an official capacity to be fully prepared to take up her work intelligently from the start and not have to spend time in preparation. The new office, however, brings new work and responsibility in all of which we wish her the success that is her due. Our treasurer who has faithfully served for many years gives up her work to take up that of home making and we welcome her successor, and wish her success in her new work.

A request was made at the convention that a list of the music already used in the songs that have been accepted for the song book be given to the chapters. The list is accordingly printed here. The song book committee presented a report to the convention upon the work done and the material sent in and available for use, and in consideration of this report it was decided to delay the publication of the

song book again and to make another call for more and better songs. This was the reluctant but unanimous vote of the convention. Although the chapters are very anxious to have the new books, every one feels that until we can print a book that is worth while and worthy of the fraternity we had better get along with what we have or with none. There is plenty of talent in the fraternity if only it can be reached and made available, and now is the time to do it, not after the book is published and we see what we might have done.

1. A Capital Ship.	30. Mary of Argyle.
2. All Together.	31. Mary Had a Little Lamb.
3. Annie Laurie.	32. Marching thro' Georgia.
4. Annie of the Vale.	33. My Comrades when I'm no More Drinking.
5. Andreas Hofer.	34. 'Neath the Elms of Old Trinity.
6. Amici.	35. Nut Brown Maid.
7. America.	36. Our College Walls are Not O'ergrown
8. Ask the Man in the Moon.	37. The Orange and the Black.
9. Battle Cry of Freedom.	38. Old Black Joe.
10. Battle Hymn of the Republic.	39. The Bridge.
11. Charlie is my Darling.	40. Tommy Atkins.
12. Campbells are Coming.	41. To Fatherland.
13. Come put me in my Little Bed.	42. There is a Tavern in the Town.
14. Coming thro' the Rye.	43. Swabian Volkslied.
15. Eton Boating Song.	44. Sparkling and Bright.
16. Far Away.	45. Solomon Levi.
17. Fair Harvard.	46. Robin Adair.
18. Funiculi, Funicula.	47. Phyllis Dyed Her Tresses Black.
19. Forsaken.	48. Old Oaken Bucket.
20. How Can I Leave Thee?	49. Lily Dale.
21. Home, Sweet Home.	50. Gondolier Waltzes.
22. Indian Serenade.	51. A Warrior Bold.
23. In Praise of Old De Pauw.	52. Die Wacht am Rhein.
24. Juanita.	53. When Johnny Comes March- ing Home.
25. Lorelei.	54. Within a Mile of Edinboro' Town.
26. Landlord fill the Flowing Bowl.	
27. Lord Lovel and Lady Nancy	
28. Lauriger Horatius.	
29. Mandalay.	

Will the corresponding secretaries please see that their names and addresses are correctly given in the directory and send notice of changes that should be made.

EXCHANGES.

The Key for October has an excellent article upon the relative value of specialization to education in its broadest sense. We quote from it the following :

" The only guidance offered her in such a course is the constant urging to specialize in some department. It is represented, and one must acknowledge truthfully so, that, if she intends to teach or enter a profession, such specialization is necessary for the attainment of glory in her chosen sphere. Very likely. But if the other side were presented and she were told that by early specialization she loses in part her chance for true education, is it not likely that she would in her undergraduate course choose the better part which now lies in peril? I think it is likely. But it is, of course, necessary that she should fully understand the meaning of education, and consider it in all its bearings. It does not shut out specialization, but must precede it.

" As I consider in the course of my work such questions as these I am constantly reminded of a saying of one of my former professors. He is a man very much opposed to the pursuit of any one line of study, and he never loses an opportunity to make known his opinion. I encountered him one day while on my way to a seminary in Science of Language—a subject very much under his condemnation. He inquired minutely into our intended doings and after hearing my eager defence of our work looked at me with a reflective air, and said, ' And when you have done all this, you will be learned, you will not be educated.' And it was true, but how true I had to wait years to learn.

" The acquirements of graduate days have never quite the same relation to one's personality as those which have grown up with one. And it is this I would like to urge on every woman who tries to specialize. Specialization is not education. It belongs to a woman as his tools belong to a carpenter. They can always be used, always furnish occupation, but can never in any sense become a part of his individuality. Indeed, when too closely associated with his existence, they serve to dull the edge of his perception which finally embraces only what pertains to his trade. Education, on the other hand, is a part of one's individuality. It is the result of drawing out what is already present in the germ

and cultivating it until it is capable in itself of affording pleasure to its possessor."

The July number of the *Anchora* is entirely devoted to the eleventh annual convention, which was held with the Delta Gamma chapter at Albion, Mich.

We quote the following from the *Arrow*:

"There are girls who are so ambitious along some chosen line that they declare their work requires the sacrifice of every purely social opportunity. They are usually too busy to give out any of the gold they have laid away. Really they are social misers. Here lies a great danger for the truly ambitious girl,—that she will not know what to do with *people*. Too often she will become careless of her attitude to others and will neglect the countless gracious acts which,—as surely as anything can,—give a woman a lasting hold upon people; she will lack the personal attraction which is always invaluable. . . . In the fraternity, more than in any other organization of which I know, a girl may learn with greatest ease the secret of culture,—there may she acquire the ability to adapt herself to others. Taken with her college or university work, several years of fraternity life should bring to a girl poise and ease of manner, but she must have the courage to use the opportunities offered by her social school—the fraternities."

The July *Trident* devotes itself to a consideration of the ideal chapter and we clip short extracts from two points of view.

"By the ideal chapter communications are answered, if not immediately, at least in a very short time, and not left unheeded for weeks. This chapter pays its obligations when due, and does not have to be fined frequently for tardy payment. At convention time it has its delegate appointed in season, and well informed on the chapter's opinions and policy. The entertaining chapter is also informed concerning the way and time of her arrival. This ideal chapter is businesslike in its own chapter life, as well. In business meetings it attends to business, and things irrelevant are set aside for the time. How much needless worry and extra writing would be saved if we would all resolve and stick to the resolution to be prompt and businesslike in our fraternity affairs! Would I had a pen eloquent enough to make this plea of some avail!"

"To the freshman the first longing may be for an alliance with a thoroughly "nice" and "perfectly harmonious"

circle of girls. To the sophomore and junior "nice" and "harmonious" have changed to "loyal, earnest, and energetic in fraternity work." Their ideal chapter would be incomplete without girls of strong, proselyting abilities. Upon them the burden of the chapter's continued existence falls most heavily, and, like Martha of old, they are cumbered with worldly cares. Their ideal is more nearly tangible than that of the freshmen, and, to their credit be it said, they toil heroically toward their goal. In many cases they have reached it when the view changes to the wider scope of the senior, and it becomes apparent that the station already won must be maintained. The ideal must now include succeeding circles of girls who shall attain honors equal or surpassing their own."

A welcome addition to our exchange list is *The Eleusis* the official organ of Chi Omega, a woman's Greek letter society with three chapters in the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., Jessamine College, Nicholasville, Ky., and Hellmouth Woman's College, London, Ont. Chi Omega was founded in 1895 at the University of Arkansas, the chapter at Jessamine College was established in '98, and that at Hellmouth Woman's College in '99. One of the founders gives the following reason for the establishment of the new society. "The founders felt that inasmuch as the existing general fraternities for young women were practically sectional and would only in exceptionally rare instances enter Southern institutions, a fraternity planned on purely national lines would be not only a novelty but a success." We hope that Chi Omega may be successful but the novelty of a national woman's fraternity is not apparent since Chi Omega is not the first to enter Canada and since the women's fraternities already extend from Maine to California and from Louisiana to the most northern states.

From the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi we quote these two editorials on topics of ever living fraternity interest and beg that Kappa Alpha Theta will give them the attention they deserve.

"Charge editors will please note that the next charge letters are due in Ithaca not later than December 1st. Those living at a distance should allow the necessary time for carriage in order that every charge letter may be ready for

editing on the day assigned. The unfortunate habit of waiting for two or three appeals before the letter is sent ought to be vigorously resisted. Time enough ought to be allowed to write, revise and recopy the letter. A letter ought to be the product of a careful collation of the really interesting news of the quarter told in the language of friendly and even intimate gossip. It too often bears the stamp of a school-boy task in composition. Suppose a charge editor were to keep a note-book of fraternity happenings and at the end of a quarter write a letter to his chum who graduated last June giving him an account of the events that seemed worth mentioning at that time. That letter, omitting confidential matters, *The Shield* would like to publish as an example of what a charge letter ought to be in substance and form. That letter the men who graduated last June, and all the past Junes, would be delighted to read. Will the charge editors not try the experiment of the note-book and the less formal and more lively style? Will the other members of the charge not get in the habit of reminding the charge editor to note this or that interesting item for his next letter? Let us have the fraternity news and gossip and thought and spirit in the charge letters. The daily newspaper will keep us fully posted on athletics."

"With the advent of a new college year there comes a new opportunity to every charge to advance the interests and honor of the fraternity. Theta Delts ought to be worthy in every way of their more than fifty years of struggle and achievement. The fraternity idea excludes all pettiness, all tricks, all depreciation of rivals, all snobbishness, all manner of uncharitableness and evil speaking. The season of "rushing" is a season of divers temptations. But if Theta Delts keep before them the ideal of individual and fraternity honor they will successfully resist these temptations and hand down to the men who shall this fall take the vows an example that will be emulated in the seasons yet to come. The friendly rivalry of fraternities is an admirable school for the nurture of the essential virtues of the civilized man. Enterprise, vigor, diplomacy of the finer kind, self-respect, manliness, truthfulness, loyalty—these are the attributes of honor and success. Let these distinguish the conduct and character of the active brotherhood and the future is secure. It is a gentlemen's contest and may the truest gentlemen win the goodliest prizes."

From the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta we clip the following:

"A chapter should not allow itself to become one-sided. If it has been cultivating athletics and society to the neglect

of scholarship and speaking, now is the time to turn the attention of those who have special ability toward Phi Beta Kappa and class honors and the inter-collegiate debate. If literary prizes and good grades have been the sole aim, it is time for the muscular to rush the pig skin and for the strong lunged to join the rooters. Every honorable line of student activity should receive attention from at least one member of the chapter to a considerable degree, and that involves the interest and appreciation of all. If one Phi is working hard on a prize oration, the rest at once want to know all about it, to hear and criticise it, to turn out in a body and gain credit for college spirit when the contest is held. If the chapter has no active musicians it not only suffers in the loss of much pleasure and life that might otherwise be infused into chapter meetings, formal or informal, but it also becomes an indifferent supporter of a leading college enterprise and suffers on that account in the esteem of the student body. The chapter should not allow a man who has a quick mind and memory and tongue to neglect class work and debate; no man who is physically fit should withhold, save for the best of reasons, his personal co-operation from those branches of athletics in which his tastes lie. He wants in this life to get out of himself all there is in him, and college is an epitome of life. Let the chapter, then, be a committee of the whole to find out each man's possibilities and to see that he realizes them."

This is the way that Kappa Alpha deals with the delinquent corresponding secretary:

"Here we have a hard-and-fast rule prescribed by the Convention which is susceptible of practical enforcement. There is no escape from it if it is literally and strictly observed. All chapters which fail to forward their bi-monthly letters at the proper time must pay extra for their copies of the *Journal*. If they choose to do without the *Journal* (which is not likely), nobody is any the loser, for the Editor will have just so many more copies to dispose of to subscribers and others. Under this rule every incentive to comply with the law is on the side of the offender, and when the required letters are not forthcoming we may trust to the irrepressible craving for *Journals* to discharge the fine. We believe the present issue of the *Journal* is a practical illustration of how beneficially the rule will work. It is but fair to say that this idea originated entirely with the present Editor and was first advanced in an editorial published in the *Journal* of November, 1898. It has the merit of being

simple and easily understood, and, that all incoming chapter secretaries may familiarize themselves with its tenor, we re-publish the entire section in the form in which it was approved by the Twentieth Convention:

'All active Chapters which fail to have a Chapter letter in any issue of the *Journal*, no matter what may be the excuse for such failure, shall forfeit all right and claim to their quota of *Journals* of such issue and all copies of such issue which may be furnished a delinquent Chapter shall be paid for extra in advance. A C. S. who neglects to send Chapter letters to the *Journal* will be reported by the Editor, first to the (I) of his Chapter, and then to the K. C.'"

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

A short time ago I had the pleasure of attending the convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, at the Cornell Chapter of which I am a member. The question naturally suggested itself as to the functions and usefulness of these fraternities, about which I have sometimes found myself at variance with good authorities in university matters, with one especially for whose opinion I have the highest respect. The fraternities are accused of fostering social cliquishness and exclusiveness, sometimes to an offensive extreme. I can imagine that there may be danger on that side, though not having been as a student at an American university I am unable to measure the extent. But I cannot see that such tendencies are at all the essence of the organization.

“Fraternities” seems the proper name. “Secret society” suggests a covert, perhaps illicit, object, and is a name on that account abhorred by European police. It is needless to say that there have been secret societies in history without number, formed for purposes which could not be avowed. In Greece there were secret societies for mutual aid in judicial trials and political elections. A good history of secret associations would be a curious addition to literature. Some of our modern national or benefit societies, if they are not formally secret, really have the object of the Greek associations, at least so far as political elections are concerned: being, in fact, spoils clubs in disguise. But so far as I have been able to learn, none of the Greek letter fraternities can be fairly charged with any other object than fraternity.

A fraternal bond has especial attractions in a society like that of this continent, vast and migratory, where a man without any special connection would feel himself a grain in a heap of shifting sand. It is pleasant and certainly not unwholesome to feel that you are not utterly lost in a boundless and nameless crowd. It may be a help, however slight, in keeping the paths of honor to feel that your name is in a record and that the eyes of old comrades may be upon you. I do not mean unduly to magnify this influence; it may be little, but of little things, as has often been said, life is made up.

At the University the fraternity has, it seems to me, an obvious social use, provided it avoids the dangers to which the critics point. The primary object of a university is study; but a secondary and not insignificant object is friend-

ship. For this a body of two thousand or even of one thousand students is too large. Oxford and Cambridge, as federations of colleges, have circles of intimacy in the college. What the college does there the fraternity may do here.

To the country at large the fraternities do a service by keeping up and propagating the university spirit ; by which I am far from meaning anything pedantic or intellectually exclusive. I mean that loyalty to principle which high education ought to inspire ; that freedom from devotion to gain which, without weakening business aptitudes, intellectual culture rightly regulated ought to produce. Nothing in the present critical situation of the American Republic strikes an observer so much as the absence of leadership worthy of the political virtue and wisdom which abound in the country. Into the political causes of this it would be out of place here to inquire. But in the absence of commanding men, molding influences have special value. Nothing is more to be deprecated than a participation of the universities or their heads and professors in the political fray, by which their just influence could not fail to be fatally impaired. But the prevalence of the university spirit in public and social life is not the less to be desired ; and as channels for the diffusion of that spirit the fraternities may play a useful part.—*Prof. Goldwin Smith, LL.D., in the Independent.*

It would not be right to dismiss the subject without reference to the existence of those college fraternities which have come to play a conspicuous part in university life. It often seems that a process of evolution is going on by which something like a dormitory system of a new species is coming to be established.

The fraternities now, I believe, are about one hundred in number. These peculiar organizations have chapters in the various universities in the country, and chapter-houses are coming to be more or less common. Each chapter-house is the home of ten or twenty or thirty students, and within the chapter there has grown up to be a very well-defined community life. Perhaps one-fourth or one-fifth of the students, as a rule, are members of these fraternities, and their lives in this way are supposed to acquire something of the communal spirit which prevails where the dormitory system is in vogue.

While the expenses of students in the fraternities are not large, they are somewhat greater than the expenses of those who have no such associations, and accordingly the man of abundant means sooner or later is apt to gravitate into one of the fraternities.

The fact, however, that it is not good form to make application for admission to the fraternity, but that, on the contrary, the members are sought by the fraternity itself, gives individuality to the several fraternities and prevents them from being mere aggregations of more or less uncongenial members. As a rule it may, I think, fairly be said that life within these fraternities is wholesome and uplifting. There is unquestionably some tendency to waste a good deal of time in unimportant social affairs, but on the whole it is doubtful whether more is not gained than lost by such associations.

The importance of such communal life in the friendships that are established and carried out into the world ought not to be overlooked. Usually the fraternities are more or less under the supervision of officers of the faculty who, when in college, were themselves members and who continue to take an interest in the success of the institutions with which they have been so closely identified. All of the best fraternities are an important means of restraining the wayward, of keeping up standards of scholarship, and of preventing lawlessness and neglect of university studies. It must be admitted that these are advantages which are not furnished by the dormitory system. While here and there objections to their existence are raised, it must be evident to those who have observed their establishment and progress that they are destined to remain, and it is to be hoped that they will furnish very much of the good and prevent very much of the evil that are commonly supposed to be characteristic of the older system of dormitory life. That they assist in the administration of good order throughout the university there can, I think, be very little question.—*President Chas. K. Adams, in New York World.*